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1. Major Mulin, chief supervisor of wireless transmission in the Soviet Zone, held a meeting at Radio Berlin 24 October. Mulin stated that the cultural level of Radio Berlin has been too low; in the future there will be more literature and more classical music; SED and Soviet news will be watched more closely and will be handled more skillfully; world news will be made available more promptly.
2. In answer to questions from employees, Mulin said that Radio Berlin will remain a Soviet controlled station as before. Anyone who wants to take employment elsewhere is free to leave. The results of the recent elections will have no influence on the distribution of leading positions. Radio Berlin personnel is subject to change only by an Allied (i.e. Soviet) authority, not a German authority.
3. On 2 November, 1946, a delegation of shop council representatives went to the Soviet Control Officer of Radio Berlin, asking him whether or not it would be possible to notify Radio Berlin personnel beforehand, if and when any evacuation of such personnel is planned. Colonel Malakhov, Control Officer of Radio Berlin, could not be induced to give an answer to this question. Instead, he insisted on finding out how many people wanted to go to the U.S.S.R.
4. It is doubtful that the Russian radio station being set up at Grünau, near Berlin, will begin operation very soon. Josef Schwab, who was scheduled as general manager, is now going to rejoin the staff of the Neues Deutschland, of which he was formerly editor-in-chief.
5. Another source reports that the following persons have been chosen to work at Grünau:

Siegfried Niemann - Chief Announcer (who was dismissed from Radio Berlin for Fragebogen falsification.)

Plücker

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Fahrenburg

- Member NSDAP

- SS; right-hand man of Fritzsche

- Member NSDAP; will produce radio plays

These persons have been chosen for general manager.

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6. A third source states that work on the Russian transmitter at Grünau is in full swing. This station is housed in a large building formerly occupied by a rowing club. Seventy to eighty per cent of the apparatus from Radio Berlin has been removed to Grünau.

7. It is claimed the Russians in the Soviet Zone are jamming the London Radio's German language broadcasts in the medium wave-length band. The U.S. German language transmitter in Berlin is reportedly also being jammed. Short-wave broadcasts, both British and American, are disrupted by Morse signals.

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